

ABC Peuterschool encourages their students and their parents to be Fire Prevention Aware



On Tuesday evening, Marughia De Cuba, operator of the ABC Peuterschool on Beaujonstraat welcomed the parents of attending children for a lecture by retired fireman Sergio Werleman, who is now the Director of Security and Safety for the Marriott Resorts in Aruba.

Mr. Werleman, considered an expert on fire prevention, enlightened the parents on “fireproofing” their homes, and the emergency procedures to follow in case of an incident. He praised Ms. De Cuba and her staff for training their young preschool students on safety procedures, and the precautions they have taken for prevention, such as teaching proper behavior during a fire, which could save a child’s life.

Ms. De Cuba and her staff exhibited the information card that each child is required to wear with their personal information and contact numbers if they get lost in the confusion of a fire, and are unable to relate the information to rescue workers. Often a young child will be too traumatized to remember this information or convey it.

Mr. Werleman conducts these seminars concerning fire prevention in the home and business, and cited a recent incident of a fire in the Bronx, N.Y. where eight children and one mother died as an example of why the knowledge he imparts is so important. Accounts reveal that a great deal of ignorant behavior contributed to the tragedy, and that U.S. fire departments answer over 10,000 calls per year. “Such incidents could and should be prevented with proper knowledge beforehand,” asserts Mr. Werleman.

The staff of ABC Peuterschool is also concerned and so this week is “Fire Prevention Week,” normally observed internationally in October. They hope that this will promulgate awareness amongst their students and their parents to the dangers in their homes of fire, investigate and eliminate any such dangers, and inform their friends and neighbors to do the same.